Dear Families & Friends

Zillmere State School's Student Support Staff
This week we celebrate the valuable contributions our support staff make to our school. Their knowledge and skills help provide a safe and supportive learning environment for your children. Thank you Lynelle, Brenda, Prue, Lorraine, Alison, Pauline, Lessa, Graham, Wal, Julie, Janet and Bert for your enthusiasm and commitment to our school.

Attendance: Every Minute of Every Day Counts!
At Zillmere State School we believe in giving each child the greatest chance of being a successful learner. A little bit late may not seem significant but . . . .

20 minutes each day = 1 hour 40 minutes minutes each week = almost 3 weeks each year.

Your child’s most productive learning time is at the start of the school day, which is 8:50 am. We ask that parents support our teachers by ensuring their child attends school every day. If your child is absent from school, for whatever reason, it is important that you inform the school at your earliest convenience. Ask us about help with getting your child to school on time every day.

On Friday 18th September, we will hold our Celebration of Attendance and Positive Behaviour Day to reward those students who have achieved a minimum of 95% attendance this term.

Opti-MINDS Challenge
Congratulations to the sixteen Zillmere students, in three Science Engineering teams, who participated in the Opti-MINDS Challenge on Sunday: Alainn, Ashton, Brandon, Eden, Liana, Leza, Manu, Jade, Janine, Jasmine B, Jasmine Mc-R, Jomaikah, Liam, Shan, Tazman, and Victoria. Our teams were already winners because they were prepared to have a go even with members of their team absent. They were also fortunate to have parents who encouraged their efforts.

Many other schools in the Opti-MINDS Challenge have participated for between 15 and 27 years. It was Zillmere’s first and although our teams didn’t receive a place in the finals, in true Zillmere spirit, they are keen to try again next year.
Zillmere Outback to Opera Multicultural Festival

A celebration of our diverse culture was held at the Zillmere Hall last Sunday. Students performed the Indigenous Australian song, *Inanay*, and our Zillmere State School song, *Aim High*. Thank you to Melanie, Ola, Angelika, AJ, Shrestha, Victoria, Liam, Eden, Kasi, Alainn, Zahrish, Clare, Annalyse, Kevin, Susan, Ellie, Harry, Mahli, Jomaikah, Taryn, Leela, Joey, Jeffery, Alkirea, Manu and Leza. Thanks also to Miss Gianduzzo, our Music Teacher, for guiding our choir through this magnificent performance which was enjoyed by the wider Zillmere community.

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Date Claimers

- August 24th – Netball Sporting School’s Program Starts
- September 8th – P&C Meeting 3:15pm
- September 17th – Celebration Day & Yr 6 Aspley Eagles Cup at Aspley SHS
- September 18th – Last Day of Term
- October 5th – Labor Day Public Holiday
- October 6th – School Resumes
Chappy News 4/9/15

Hi as we approach the end of another busy term it has been good to be involved with school life. At assembly last Tuesday I spoke about the importance of being a participator. It is so important to participate in the different opportunities that school offers, whether it be sport, maths competitions or representing the school by singing in the school choir. The saying is true – the more you put into things the more you get out of things.

- Some of our students have been involved in planting trees on our school grounds
- Nudgee College donated some furniture made by year 12 students
- Aspley State High School has donated soccer jerseys (to be presented at assembly on Tuesday 8th September)
- Our year 6 students will be representing our school in the Aspley Eagles Cup on Thursday 17th September. This is a soccer competition played against other schools at Aspley High School.

To all the Dads I hope you have a fantastic Father’s Day. I always find it hard to know what present to buy my dad. But the best present we can give as dads is:

THE BEST PRESENT YOU CAN GIVE A CHILD, IS TO BE PRESENT... TRULY PRESENT. ANON.

Last Friday I went to a conference that talked about the importance of play for children: “Play is the highest expression of human development in childhood, for it alone is the free expression of what is in a child's soul” (Friedrich Froebel)

There is a prevalent feeling among parents, that with expensive classes and entertainment all around us, simply leaving your child to play outside must count as lazy, or worse, uncaring. However, nothing could be further from the truth. Through play, children develop thinking and problem-solving strategies; extend their oral language and social capabilities; develop imagination and creativity; symbolise experiences and learn literacy and numeracy practices….and just as importantly, they have the opportunity to de-stress and to refine their physical skills. (Johann Christoff Arnold)

God bless you
Wal Greentree
In Year Three students transition from learning to read, to reading to learn. Regular reading at home of a variety of books or texts is beneficial for this. The Premier’s Reading Challenge was a great initiative undertaken by the school. To encourage the Year Three students to continue reading at home, a new reading log was sent home last week. This should be completed at the end of any reading experience and brought back to school on your child’s designated day each week. Every child is expected to complete some reading every day and return the reading log once every week.

This week students undertook an e-assessment for Maths. This required them to log-on to the computer, navigate through to the appropriate website and complete the questions on-line. They then had to print out their results report. This was quite novel for them and an excellent learning experience. Please make use of the Mathletics subscription paid for by the school. This is another way to enhance on-line learning. Almost all of the Year Threes have a log-on they can use to access the website from any computer—at school, home, community centre or council library.

This term students have been learning their times tables from X2, X3, X4 and X5. Take the opportunity each week to practise these—both in writing and out loud. Students should get to the stage of answering without any time lag.

Wow we are so fortunate in Prep! We have been lucky enough to have Jess from Bunnings come and make a shhhh secret surprise for our Dads for Father’s day and our local member from Nudgee Leanne Linard was kind enough to give us a beautiful book each to celebrate book week! Make sure you ask your child to sit and read it with you. Thank you to all the wonderful parents who came to our Father’s day sausage sizzle. I hope you have a great day with your special little people Sunday. A big-hearted thank you to Mrs McAuslan and Mrs Mitchell. It was support week this week and Prep would not be the same without you!
The 5/6's have just started to prepare for their English orals, commenting on the author's style and language features of one of two books which have been read in class time. They are being encouraged to make a 'prop' to help with the delivery of their oral and to add some 'pizzazz'!

Year 6 will be out at the soccer tournament on the last Thursday of this term - please remember to bring your consent forms back a.s.a.p.

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**Year 4/5**

This week in Science we have been learning about the properties of materials and selecting suitable materials for a purpose. We were set a design challenge to draw and make a package that would protect a fragile item (an egg) from breaking. We used strong and durable outer layers of plastic to make our containers then we used cotton wool or bubble wrap to place on the inside as it is soft and protective to keep our egg safe.
School Awards

Aim High Awards

Opti Minds Participants

Book Week
JUNIOR INDOOR NETBALL

Friday Afternoons/Evenings. We don’t play during school holidays.
Only $7 per player per week
Play indoors rain, hail or shine
Nominate a team or as an individual (we will try our best to get you into a team)
Umpire, scoring and timing all provided
First round to commence on the 9th October 2015
All games played at Inside Sportz, Gympie Road, Strathpine (Same complex as Uptiles & Lollipops)
Great stepping stone into Indoor Junior State Titles
Nominate now at www.insidesportz.com.au
For further inquiries ring 3205 5644 or email netball@insidesportz.com.au

Zillmere State School Term 4 Swimming Lessons - bookings available now!

Swimming lessons for just $13 per class!
Our swimming lesson levels vary from Beginner to Big Arms, Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke and Butterfly.
Squad fees range from $115 - $120 for monthly unlimited access - All you have to do is book in through our friendly receptionist staff at Healthstream Aquatic Centre, Kelvin Grove.
Not sure what to do for your child’s birthday party this year? Why not have a pool party!
Healthstream organises children birthday parties at Zillmere State School Pool, Kelvin Grove and Gardens Point.
From $20 per child you won’t want to miss out on this great deal!
We also offer Holiday intensive swim lessons and holiday camp programs.
For further information please phone directly 3236 9059 or email healthstreampool@belgravialeisure.com.au
Fun, creative and unique school holiday workshops
The Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts is running DeadlyArts—indigenous culture workshops for primary school aged children this September holidays at its fabulous Kangaroo Point studios. Deadly Arts brings Aboriginal culture to life, with qualified trainers teaching children indigenous dance, totems, craft, storytelling and music! DeadlyArts opens children’s minds to a world of holiday dreamtime. Let your child learn first-hand about the inspiring and age-old culture of Australia’s first people. Contact ACPA on 33924420 for further information and bookings, or email admin@acpa.net.au

P&C News:
Just a reminder that there will be a P&C Meeting next Tuesday 8th September 2015 after assembly. Light refreshments will be provided. All welcome to come along and support our school.
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